

Appendix A

Further Details on Hydrogen and Derivatives

Intro to Hydrogen



Hydrogen (H_2) is a simple molecule that consists of two bonded hydrogen atoms.



Hydrogen is the most abundant element in the universe, making up approximately 74% of its mass.



On Earth, hydrogen is present naturally in vast quantities in water, as well as the atmosphere, and even in our bodies.



Hydrogen also occurs in almost all carbon-containing compounds, such as petroleum and natural gas.



Hydrogen is highly versatile and can be stored and distributed both as a liquid and gas.

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Using Hydrogen



Although hydrogen is abundant, it is chemically bonded in naturally occurring feedstocks (including water and fossil fuels) so it must be produced or separated, which requires energy input.



Hydrogen is one of the most energy-dense fuels and burns without releasing harmful emissions and can therefore assist in tackling climate change if it is produced through methods that do not release CO₂.



The technology and infrastructure for distributing and using hydrogen is already present and has been demonstrated. Hydrogen has been in commercial use since the 1700s.



Hydrogen is highly explosive; however, this can be managed by appropriate risk management and project design (standard operating procedures, guidelines, and risk mitigation measures have been developed and adopted).

Hydrogen



Energy Rating of H₂

- 1 kg of H₂ = 33.3 kWh or 120 MJ
- 1 L of H₂ = 0.03 kWh or 0.01 MJ
- On this basis, 1 kg H₂ is equivalent to 110 ft³ of natural gas, 0.02 bbl of crude oil, 3.8 L of gasoline, 3.4 L of diesel and 2.7 L of Jet Fuel.

*These calculations are based on equivalent units (100% energy efficiency of hydrogen) and LHV basis. The calculations are provided in the accompanying appendix workbook.

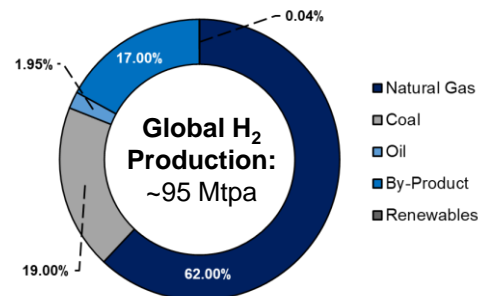
Potential Emission Savings by Fuel Switching

- Displacing 1 million ft³ of natural gas will save 55 tonnes of CO₂
- Displacing 1 L of gasoline saves 2.4 kg of CO₂
- Displacing 1 L of diesel saves 2.7 kg of CO₂
- Displacing 1 L of jet fuel saves 3.9 kg of CO_{2c}

*These emission savings can be potentially realised by replacing these fuels with H₂

Current Production

- Presently, ~95 Mtpa of hydrogen are generated globally.
- Of this, 62% is from natural gas, 19% from coal, 17% as an industrial by-product, ~2% from oil, and <0.05% from renewables.



- However, H₂ generated from fossil fuel generates 900 Mtpa of CO₂**, which is equivalent to the combined emission footprint of the UK and Indonesia.

Current Use



Oil Refining:

41 Mtpa (42% of H₂ supply)



Ammonia:

34 Mtpa (36% of H₂ supply)



Methanol:

15 Mtpa (16% of H₂ supply)



Direct Iron Ore Reduction:

5 Mtpa (6% of H₂ supply)

Renewable Hydrogen Transition

- The emission intensity of hydrogen production has prompted a recent shift towards renewable hydrogen production.
- Renewable Electrolysis:** Hydrogen generation through renewable electricity-driven water splitting is an emerging pathway.

Classified as “green H₂ generation”, the key advantage of this process over traditional fossil fuels is that:

- It uses renewable energy and feedstocks (water, which can be sustainably supplied from desalination or wastewater resources).
- It does not produce any harmful by-products (only O₂ is produced that can be vented or used).

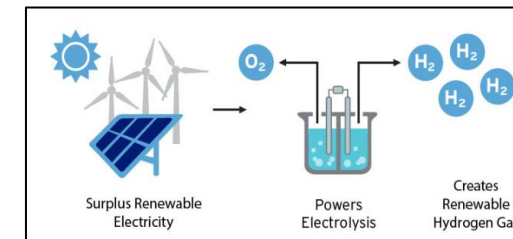


Figure 7. Schematics of “Green H₂” generation via renewable energy-driven electrolysis of water

- Presently, electrolysis contributes to ~0.05% of global hydrogen production. At present over 1,000 H₂ projects are in development globally, which includes a pipeline of 91 large-scale renewable hydrogen projects (>1 GW electrolyser scale – 0.2 Mtpa of H₂). Based on these committed projects it is expected that electrolysis will yield 25 Mtpa of green H₂ (2/3rd of the new capacity) by 2030.
- Green H₂ is expected to remain the dominant pathway for large-scale hydrogen generation by and beyond 2050 (70% - 85% share of supply).**

Demand Growth – Emerging Market

- Renewable H₂ can be used as a clean fuel and feedstock to decarbonise hard-to-abate sectors.**



80k fuel cell cars are in operation globally (~30% growth since 2022)



Green H₂ is being deployed for new ammonia generation, with ammonia demand expected to reach 100 – 150 Mtpa by 2050.



Green H₂ is being deployed to replace up to 10% of natural gas in global gas networks.



Green H₂ is also being deployed for future methanol generation, with methanol demand expected to reach 500 Mtpa by 2050.



Hydrogen-based SAF is expected to have a share of ~450 billion L of SAF required to achieve a net zero aviation sector by 2050.



H₂ and its derivatives (ammonia and methanol) are expected to supply 50% of maritime fuels by 2050.



By 2050, H₂ is expected to supply 2 – 3% of global electricity generation.



H₂ and its derivatives are expected to become major trade commodities (~150 Mtpa of H₂).

H₂ is expected to supply up to 10-15% of the Global Energy Supply by 2050 in a Net Zero Scenario

H₂ is emerging as a key vector for renewable energy penetration in hard-to-abate sectors

Emerging Global H₂ Economies



Globally, 25 countries & the EU Commission have adopted national H₂ policies, strategies and targets.



USA and Canada account for 17% of global demand. Both these countries have a H₂ policy and are pursuing renewable H₂ generation. Over 170 projects (16% of the H₂ projects being developed globally) are in development here – worth US\$45 billion in investment by 2030.



The **EU** has a hydrogen production capacity of ~12 Mtpa (against a demand of 8.5 Mtpa). The EU has been pursuing a renewable H₂ policy. Recently the EU Commission announced plans for 20 Mtpa renewable supply by 2030 (10 Mtpa of which is to be imported). Key players are expected to be Germany, Netherlands, and Spain.



The **Middle East and North Africa (MENA)** region is also an emerging H₂ market. African regions are anticipated to be key export markets due to good renewable energy resources. Saudia Arabia is a key player, having recently made a positive FID on the “Neom Hydrogen Project” worth US \$8.4 billion to supply 0.2 Mtpa of green H₂ as ammonia by 2026.



The renewable energy-rich regions of **South America (Brazil and Chile)** are expected to be large exporters of green H₂. The region is expected to potentially trade ~10 Mtpa of H₂ by 2050.

Hydrogen Economies in the Pacific Region



China is already a global H₂ giant - 33 Mtpa (~1/3rd of the global generation). At present, the country generates most of its hydrogen using coal (2/3rd). Recently, the region revealed its national H₂ plan that aims to deliver 0.1 – 0.2 Mtpa of hydrogen by 2025. The country is a leading market for H₂ vehicles and chemicals such as methanol. It is also a large-scale developer of electrolyzers. It is expected by 2060, China could be generating 100 – 130 Mtpa of green H₂ (equivalent to 20% of its energy needs).



Japan has been a long-time proponent of a H₂ economy. Since 2023, the country revised its H₂ strategy that sets the target of supplying 20 Mtpa of H₂ and ammonia by 2050 (mostly through imports). The regional H₂ demand is expected to be driven by the fuel cell vehicle market, the replacement of coal/gas-based power generation and green manufacturing (chemicals and steel). Japan also has a competitive advantage in the form of cutting-edge technology across the H₂ value chain. An example of this was the recently completed demonstration of liquid hydrogen export from Australia to Japan.



The Republic of Korea is also aggressively pursuing a hydrogen strategy. The country is aiming for ~2 Mtpa of Hydrogen production by 2030. A key market for H₂ is expected to be fuel cell cars (with ~6 million units expected to be adopted by 2040). Korean companies (such as Hyundai) are already developing H₂ technologies.



Singapore is expected to be a key demand hub for H₂. The country's hydrogen policy lays ambitions to import green H₂ to support the decarbonisation of the energy (which includes 50% generating of its power needs using by 2050) and maritime sectors.



Australia is anticipated to become a global hydrogen superpower. The Australian government is actively pursuing a H₂ strategy which has seen a recent announcement of A\$2 billion in funding to support H₂ projects in addition to a A\$6 billion investment in the last few years (both federal and state levels). That has resulted in a pipeline of 106 projects (~8 Mtpa by 2050) which are expected to leverage up to A\$300 billion in capital investment. Most of these projects are for export (ammonia, methanol, and green steel) with H₂-based mobility, power generation, and natural gas replacement emerging as domestic H₂ markets.

*Note the above countries are provided as an example to illustrate the H₂ market in the Pacific. Other countries like Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia, Cambodia and New Zealand are also exploring their own H₂ strategies, however, are in the early stages.

Key Market Drivers

- Strong global policy push.
- Maturing hydrogen technology supply chains.
- Growing investment and incentives to stimulate the development of hydrogen projects.

Key Challenges

Despite the potential for H₂, there are challenges that needed to be addressed:

- **High cost of Green H₂**
(Green H₂ is at present on average 2 - 5x higher than conventional H₂ from fossil fuels).
- **Scale of energy required**
(efficiency of commercial electrolyzers are still relatively low & thus relatively larger amounts of energy would be required compared to direct electrification).
- **Limited demand**
(While markets for H₂ have been identified, they are yet to mature and start off taking large volumes of H₂).

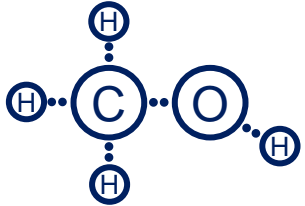
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Intro to Methanol



Methanol (CH_3OH) is the simplest alcohol molecule, consisting of carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen.



Methanol can conveniently be stored and transported as a liquid at ambient conditions. Storage and transport using the same infrastructure as current fuels leads to lower related costs compared to gaseous renewable alternatives such as hydrogen and ammonia.



Feedstocks for methanol production include sustainable biomass (e.g., waste and residues from agriculture, forestry, energy crops, etc.) as well as hydrogen combined with carbon capture (e.g., direct air capture, industrial flue gas, biogas, and bioenergy).



Green methanol can achieve more than 90% emission reduction compared to fossil derived methanol depending on feedstock sourcing.¹



When produced using green hydrogen, methanol is a versatile renewable energy carrier capable of power generation through fuel cell, reforming to produce hydrogen.

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Using Methanol



Emissions released through the use and combustion of methanol are offset during its production by either carbon capture or repurposing of waste materials. The net lifecycle emissions of green methanol represents an emission reduction of more than 90% compared fossil fuels including gasoline, diesel, and marine fuel oils.



As a fuel methanol has a high octane rating. It can be blended with gasoline and diesel for use in internal combustion engines, direct use in modified diesel engines, and can be used as a substitute for heavy fuel oil for marine transport applications. Methanol has also been used for industrial and domestic heating such as boilers and burners.



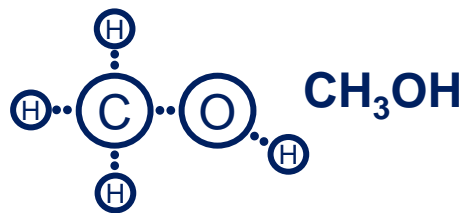
Methanol is clean burning, producing less soot, particulate matter and NO_x compared to conventional fuels. It is also biodegradable with a half-life of less than 24 hr in marine environments. Marine heavy fuel oil, diesel, and gasoline, lead to 200, 240, and 1900 times more potent toxins in marine environments compared to methanol.



Methanol is a versatile raw material and chemical building block for producing a wide range of chemicals and products such as formaldehyde, acetic acid, plastics, paints, building materials, and car parts.

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Refer to the accompanying appendices.

Methanol



Production

- $\text{CO}_2 + 3\text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{OH} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
- $\text{CO} + 2\text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{OH}$

Energy Rating

- 1 kg = 5.6 kWh or 20.1 MJ
- 1 L = 4.4 kWh or 15.9 MJ
- Octane rating = 110
- Methanol steam reforming
 $\text{CH}_3\text{OH} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 3\text{H}_2 + \text{CO}_2$

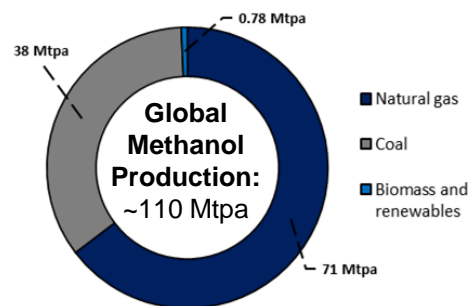
Fuel Emission Saving

- Replacing heavy fuel oil in large maritime vessels, methanol can save 1.3 tonnes of CO_2 per nautical mile.
- Replacing 1 tonne of marine diesel oil in small to medium vessels saves 3.8 tonnes of CO_2

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Current Production

- Presently, ~110 Mtpa of methanol are generated globally.
- Of this, ~71 Mtpa is from natural gas, ~38 Mtpa from coal, and ~0.8 Mtpa from biomass and renewables.



- **Emissions from fossil methanol production generates 300 Mtpa of CO_2** , which represents ~10% of the total emissions from the chemical industry

Feedstocks



First generation:
Edible crops – corn, wheat, sugarcane, starch, and plant oil



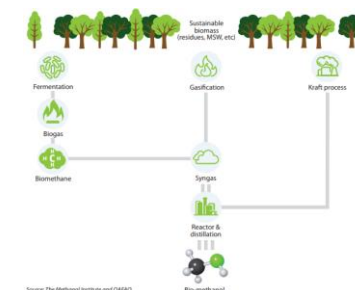
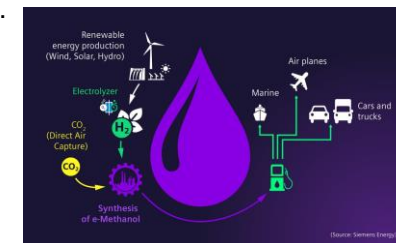
Second Generation
Inedible crops, waste and residues from first generation feedstocks – Energy crops, agriculture and forestry residues, biogas.



Third generation:
 CO_2 , Municipal solid waste (MSW).

Renewable Hydrogen Transition

- Methanol is fast becoming the leading alternative fuel for marine transport applications, and represents significant environmental improvement over existing fuels both in terms of carbon footprint as well as direct impact of spills and air quality on local ecosystems.
- **Renewable e-methanol:** Hydrogen generation through renewable electricity-driven water splitting, is reacted with CO_2 captured from the air or waste gas to produce methanol.
 - i. It uses renewable energy and sustainable and scalable feedstocks (Water through seawater desalination, and CO_2 from the atmosphere)
 - ii. E-methanol can achieve greater emission reduction and is not subject to additional sustainability considerations related to bioresources.
- **Bio-methanol:** Sustainable biomass feedstock is processed through typically gasification to produce syngas, followed by thermochemical reaction to produce methanol.
 - i. This process employs similar techniques compared to fossil methanol production.
 - ii. Bio-methanol can be produced at lower cost compared to e-methanol and does not require a supply of renewable energy.



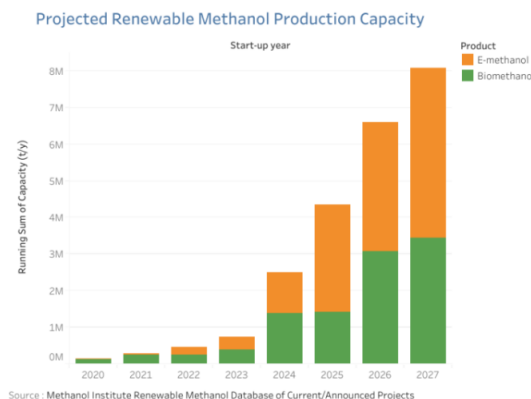
Demand Growth – Emerging Market

- **Renewable Methanol can be used as a clean fuel and feedstock to decarbonise hard-to-abate sectors.**

Green methanol market is gaining momentum with majority of interest being driven by maritime industries.

There are currently more than 21 green methanol producing facilities with a combined capacity of more than 0.7 million tons of bio and e-methanol per year.

Additional capacity from upcoming projects is to reach more than 10 million tons per year by 2027.



Green methanol – a promising green alternative to decarbonise hard-to-abate sectors

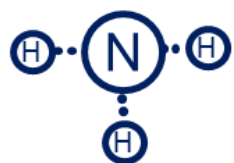


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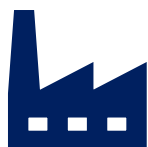
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Intro to Ammonia



Ammonia (NH₃) is a colourless gas, composed of nitrogen and hydrogen. It is widely used in industry as a versatile chemical precursor for nitrogen-based substances.



The feedstocks to produce ammonia are hydrogen (produced mostly by steam methane reforming) and nitrogen (produced through air separation). These feedstocks are converted into ammonia via the Haber-Bosch process ($3\text{H}_2 + \text{N}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{NH}_3$)



Ammonia can be easily compressed into a clear, colourless liquid, convenient for storage and transport via pipeline or truck.

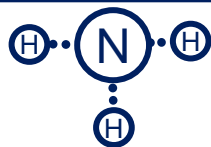


Liquid ammonia has a large hydrogen storage ability (~18 wt.%) making it a valuable hydrogen carrier.

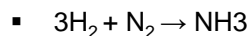


Ammonia's ability to be used in a blend or as a full replacement for petroleum or diesel, as well as its clean burning (the sole emission is water), highlights its promise as a clean fuel of the future.

Ammonia



Production



The H₂ is generated synthetically and N₂ is sourced from the air.

Energy Rating of NH₃

- 1 kg of NH₃ = 5.2 kWh or 18.8 MJ
- 1 L of NH₃ = or 15.6 MJ
- On this basis, 1 L of NH₃ is equivalent in energy to 2.8 L of compressed H₂.





Potential Emission Savings by Fuel Switching

- By using ammonia as an alternative shipping fuel, it is estimated there could be an emission reduction in this industry by 83%.
- By replacing diesel with green ammonia as an alternate fuel 100 kW diesel generator, carbon emission can be reduced by around 950 tonnes per year (assuming 24-hour use).

Current Production

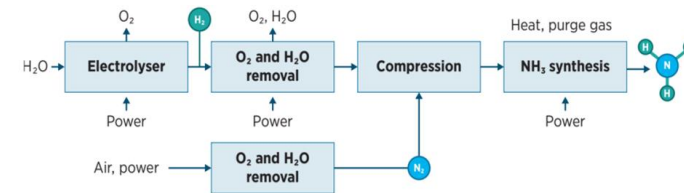
- The current global production of ammonia is ~175 million tonnes per year.
- Over 80% is produced via the **Haber Bosch** process. This process involves the catalytic conversion of hydrogen and atmospheric nitrogen into ammonia.
- Hydrogen production accounts for 90% of the energy consumption:
- Hydrogen feedstock production breakdown: 70% = natural gas, 26% = coal gasification, 4% = oil + electricity.
- Ammonia production directly accounts for 450 Mtpa of CO₂**, representing 1.8% of total global emissions.

Current Use

-  **Fertiliser:** Ammonia is the chemical precursor to nitrogen-based fertiliser, most notably urea.
-  **Refrigerant Gas:** ammonia's high latent heat of vaporization, high volatility and ease of liquefaction make it suitable.
-  **Water Purification:** Ammonia is used to enhance chlorines disinfection properties.
-  **Chemical Precursor:** to plastics, explosives and other chemicals

Renewable Ammonia Transition

- Due to the high emission intensity and the growing demand of ammonia, methods to reduce its emission intensity are emerging.
- The transition into renewable ammonia production can be performed by Haber-Bosch electrification and hydrogen produced via Electrolysis, whereby renewable ammonia can be produced by using renewable electricity to produce hydrogen and power the air separation and Haber-Bosch processes.
- Electrifying the Haber-Bosch process through renewable energy ensures the replacement of the fossil fuel based H₂ supply and allows the use of existing infrastructure (existing Haber Bosch Plants).



Demand Growth – Emerging Market

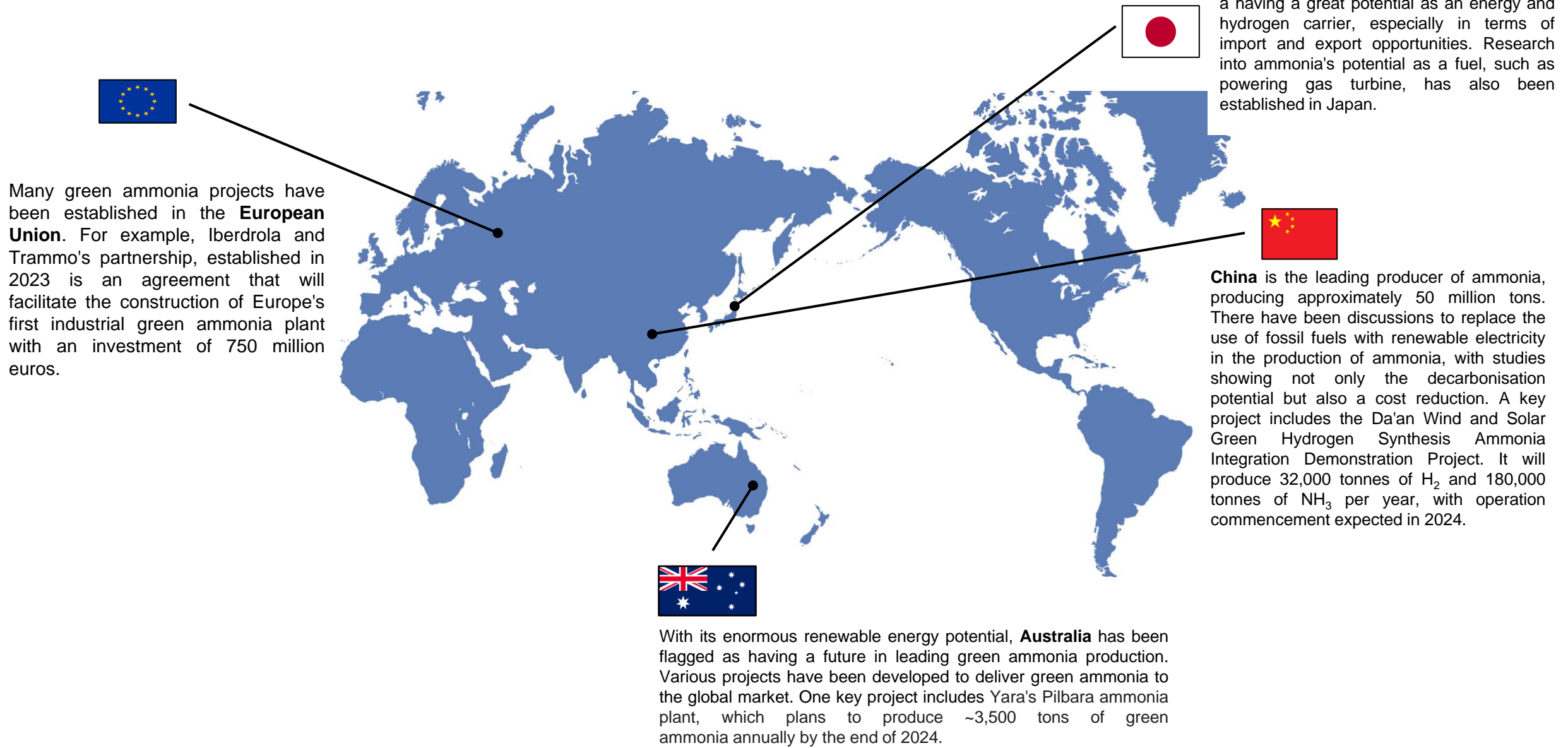
On top of continuing to meet the growing demand for fertiliser production, ammonia has been flagged for its potential as a clean fuel for electricity generation, transportation, and energy storage.

- Energy storage:** Ammonia has advantages (economic, technical and environmental) over pure hydrogen as an energy carrier and for energy storage.
- Electricity generation:** Ammonia has the potential to produce electricity through an engine system or an ammonia fuel cell. There is a potential and growing interest in using ammonia a diesel replacement in diesel engines. Ammonia fuel cells are being developed for its direct use in producing electricity or mechanical energy, they currently have a Technology Readiness Level of 3-4.
- Transportation:** Ammonia is able to replace petroleum or diesel in internal combustion engines, showing its potential to be used as a clean fuel replacement. It has also been flagged with great potential for a clean shipping fuel due to its high energy density and relative storage and transportation ease.

Challenges

- Due to ammonia's higher ignition temperature, many engines need dosing of diesel or petroleum or require retrofitting to be able to effectively run on 100% ammonia.
- Ammonia combustion emits a relatively high level of NO_x, meaning mitigation strategies need to be implemented when ammonia is used as a fuel.

Green ammonia – a promising green alternative to energy storage and generation.

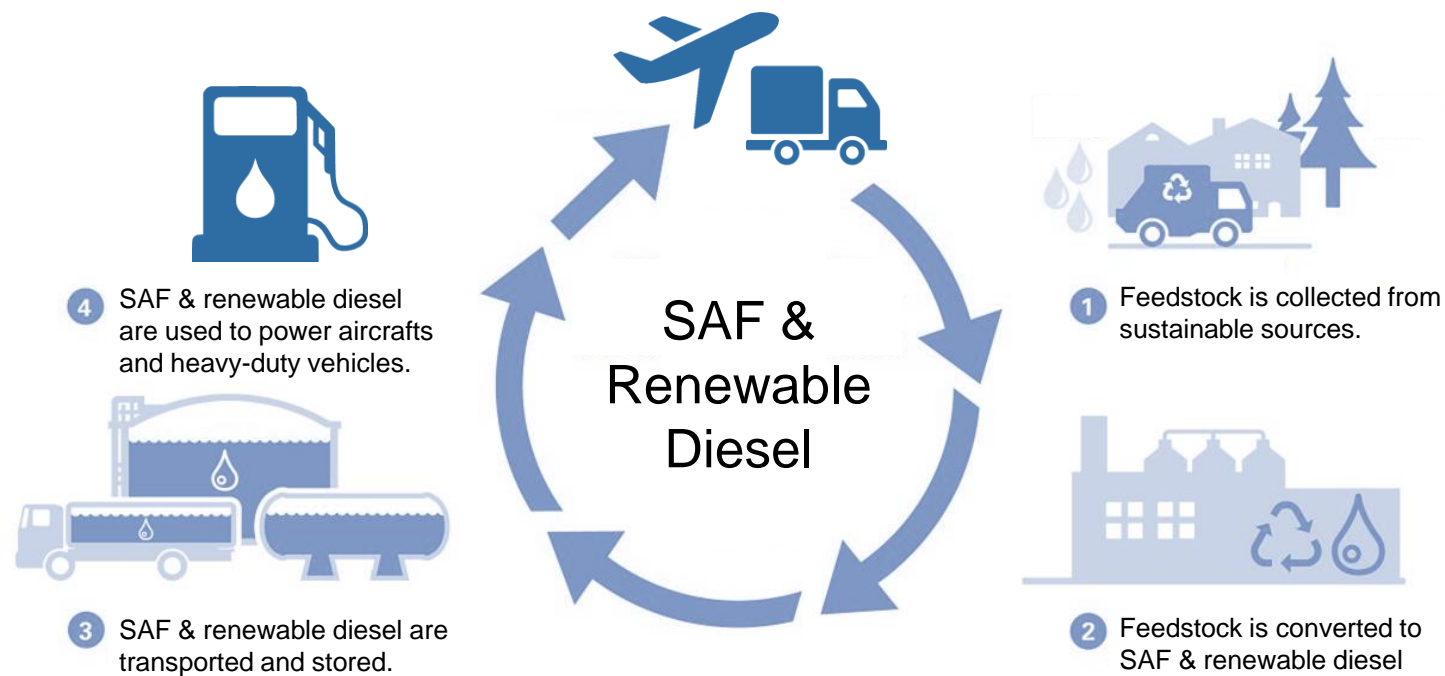


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SAF & Renewable Diesel

Key to decarbonising aviation and heavy-duty transportations at scale and speed.



Intro to SAF & Renewable Diesel



The adoption of SAF & renewable diesel is a key part for hard-to-abate sectors such as aviation industry and heavy-duty transportations of achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050.



SAF & renewable diesel are made from sustainable feedstocks such as biomass waste and captured or waste CO₂ emissions.



SAF & renewable diesel can reduce lifecycle carbon emissions by up to 80% compared to the traditional jet fuel, and renewable diesel has a 65% lower carbon emission intensity compared to conventional diesel.



SAF & renewable diesel are safe to use in existing engines and infrastructure.

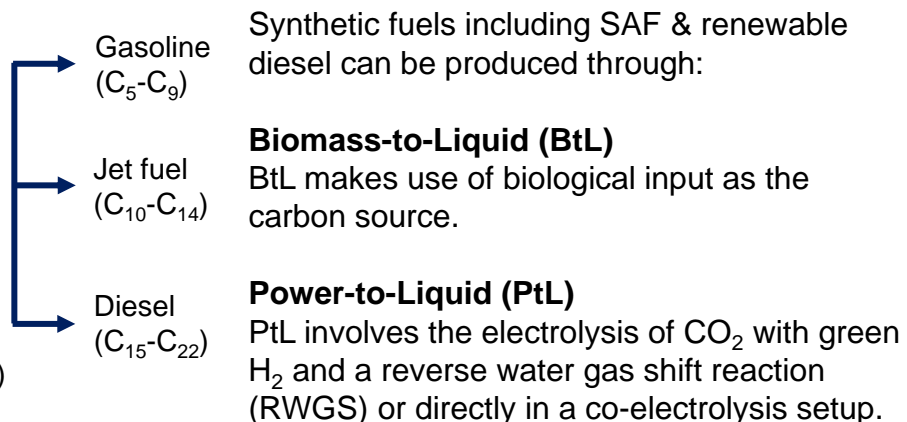
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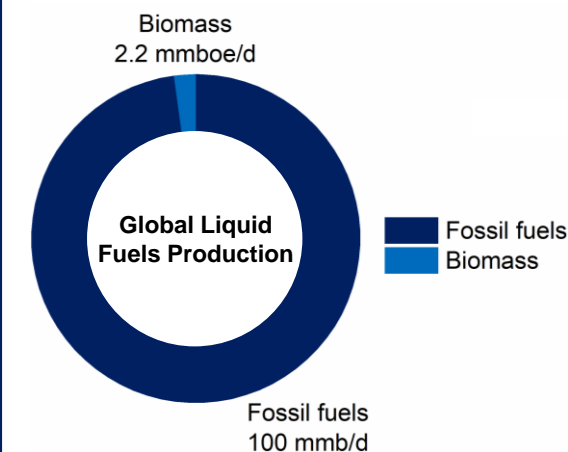
SAF & Renewable Diesel Production



Feedstocks
(biomass and CO₂)



Current Production



mmb/d = million barrels per day
mmboe/d = million barrels of oil equivalent per day

- The current world liquid fuels production averages about 100 million barrels per day produced from fossil fuels.
- Liquid biofuels account only around 2.2 million barrels of oil equivalent per day.
- Almost all renewable liquid fuels (e.g., SAF & renewable diesel) are produced through the biomass-to-liquid pathway.
- Most of the production capacity is in the United States, while the rest are produced in Netherlands, Finland and Singapore.

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SAF & Renewable Diesel Advantages

- SAF & renewable diesel are synthetic alternatives for fossil-based jet fuel and diesel – sharing similar chemical, physical, and thermal properties.
- SAF & renewable diesel can be distributed, stored, and used like conventional jet fuel and diesel, allowing them to be directly utilised without the need for retrofitting the energy supply/use.
- SAF & renewable diesel can act as a sink for CO₂, as they can be generated through the biomass-to-liquid pathway or power-to-liquid pathway via using H₂ from electrolysis and CO₂ from waste/captured resource.
- SAF & renewable diesel have a lower overall CO₂ intensity compared to the fossil-based counterparts. The emissions generated in the utilisation are offset by the emissions sequestered or captured during the growth of biomass and production of SAF & renewable diesel.

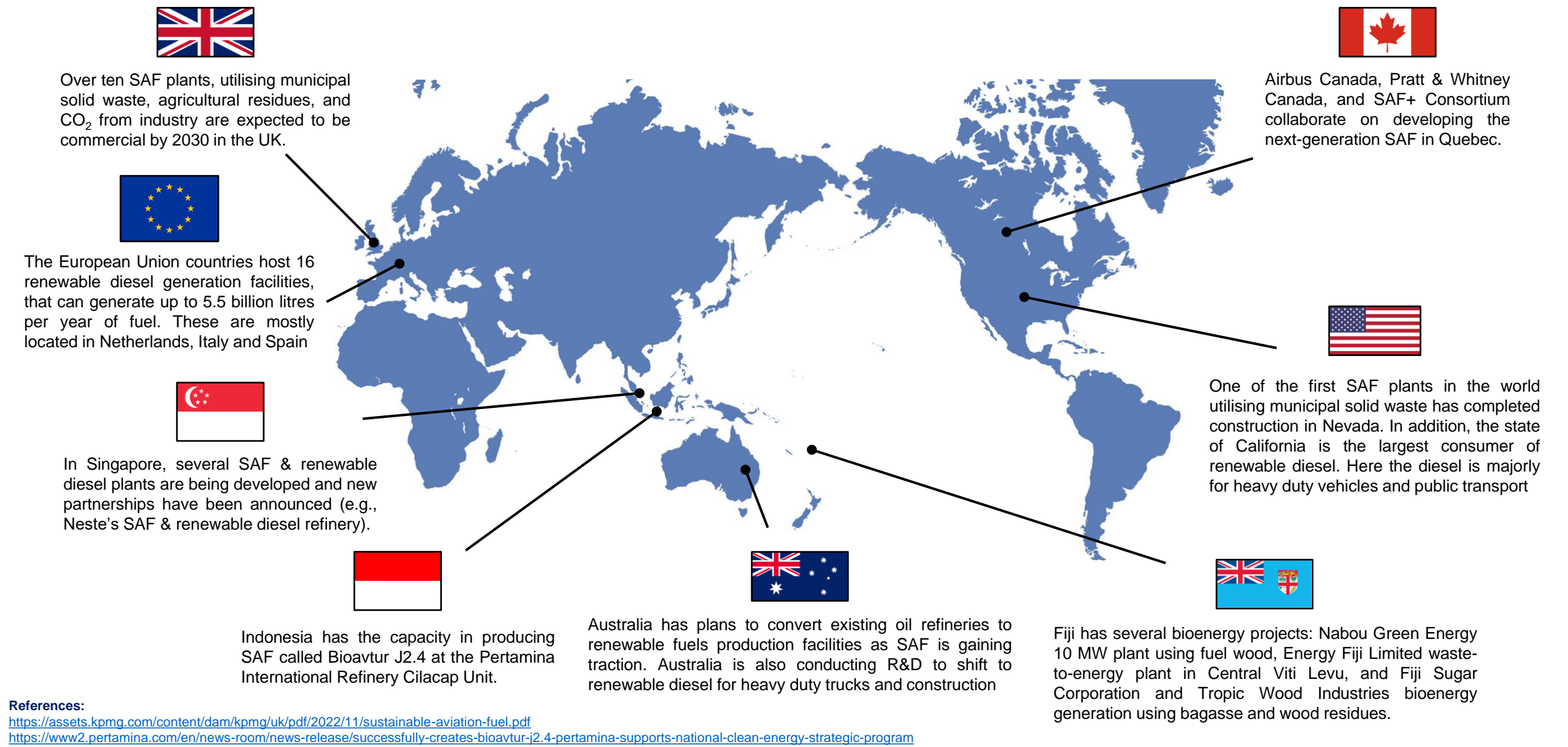
SAF & Renewable Diesel Market Opportunity

- SAF can be used as a drop-in replacement for fossil jet fuel using the existing aircrafts and airport infrastructure.
- Renewable diesel can be used as a drop-in replacement for fossil diesel in power generation using diesel generators and in mobility engines (cars, trucks, trains and small ships).
- SAF currently accounts for only 0.01% of global jet fuel use but is expected to reach up to 2% by 2025.
- The global SAF market size reached US\$433.26 million in 2022 and it is expected to hit around US\$14,824.13 million by 2032.
- The demand for renewable diesel is expected to increase to over 7 billion gallons by the end of this decade (~70 billion USD a CAGR of ~19%).

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SAF & renewable diesel are being increasingly deployed globally to decarbonise aviation industry and heavy-duty transportations.



Opportunities and Challenges for SAF & Renewable Diesel in PICTs

Opportunities



Potential utilisation in aviation and mining sector in the region



Immediate solution to decarbonise hard-to-abate sectors in the region



Increased energy security in the region



Sustainable economic growth in the region

Challenges



Limited theoretical feedstocks for SAF & renewable diesel production in the region



Lack of regional climate commitment and goals



Limited infrastructures to support SAF & renewable diesel value chain in the region



Significant subsidies for fossil fuel industry in the region

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